

REMARKS

Claims 11 to 22 are now pending. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

Objections

Claim 22 was objected to for an and/or informality. Applicants have amended claim 22 to correct this informality. Accordingly, it is believed that the objection has been overcome and that claim 22 is in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for its recitation of "the user information on at least one second section of digital network." The user information is transmitted via a coded voice connection path, and on other sections of the data network, the user information is transmitted by a method suitable for digital data networks. Specification of record, page 5. Applicants believe that claim 11 is definite in its presentation.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 11, and thus, its dependent claims 12 to 22 are allowable; and, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, of those claims is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 11 to 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,493,355 to Henderson et al. ("Henderson reference").

The Henderson reference is not a proper prior art reference against the present invention. The present invention was filed as an International Patent Publication (PCT) on October 28, 1999, and claims a priority to German Patent Application No. April 17, 1998. The Henderson reference has an earliest U.S. filing date of September 27, 1999, which is after the German priority filing date of the present application.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 11 to 21 are allowable and request the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the Henderson reference in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,003,114 to Mauro ("Mauro reference").

As discussed above, the Henderson reference is not a proper prior art reference.

The Mauro reference is not a proper prior art reference against the present invention. The present invention was filed as an International Patent Publication (PCT) on October 28, 1999, and claims a priority to German Patent Application No. April 17, 1998. The Mauro


reference has an earliest U.S. filing date of January 20, 2000, which is after the effective filing dates of the present application.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 22 is allowable and request the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, 102, 103 have been obviated, and that claims 11 to 22 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

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